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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: TOPICAL HORMONAL ... ACTION

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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of April 3, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) A gelled and/or film-forming topical hormonal composition with systemic effect for treating progesterone deficiency in pre-menopausal women and for hormone replacement in menopausal women comprising a) 0.05 to 1% by weight of the composition of at least one active principle selected from the group consisting of nomegestrol, and ethers and esters thereof, b) at least one vehicle permitting systemic passage of active principle selected from the group consisting of a solubilizing agent, an absorption promotor, a film-forming agent and a gelling agent and c) optionally an diluent.

Claim 3 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with systemic effect of claim 1 wherein nomegestrol acetate is used.

Claim 5 (amended) A topical hormonal composition with

